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COMMAND ORGANIZATION

A. The Commanding Officer for the period of this report (1 January 1984 - 31 December 1984) was Captain Jerry R. BAILEY, USN.

B. USS HAROLD E. HOLT (FF 1074) was assigned as a unit of Destroyer Squadron THIRTY-FIVE.

C. USS HAROLD E. HOLT (FF 1074) was assigned the homeport of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii for the period of this report.

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STATISTICS

STEAMING TIME:

UNDERWAY	2986 HOURS
INPORT	5654 HOURS
TOTAL	7640 HOURS

FUEL OIL USED:

UNDERWAY	2,772,135 GALLONS
INPORT	233,334 GALLONS
TOTAL	3,005,469 GALLONS

During the year, HAROLD E. HOLT conducted forty-five UNREPs, anchored five times, steamed 44,790 nautical miles and conducted one burial at sea.

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1984 CHRONOLOGY

JANUARY

1-16 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI, UNDERGOING RAV
13 COMPLETED AVIATION CERTIFICATION
17 UNDERWAY FOR PRE-DEPLOYMENT SEA TRIALS
18 AMMUNITION ONLOAD AT NAVMAG LUALUALEI, HI
19-30 UNDERWAY FOR TRANSITEX 84-8, BGAREM/SHAREM/AIREM
ZULU OPERATIONS
31 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI ATTENDING POSTEX/PRE-DEPLOYMENT
BRIEFINGS

FEBRUARY

1 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI
2 UNDERWAY FOR WESTPAC DEPLOYMENT
(TRANSITEX 84-8 PHASE VI)
VICE ADMIRAL D. S. JONES, COMMANDER, THIRD FLEET, VISITED
HAROLD E. HOLT AND OBSERVED SEA AND ANCHOR DETAIL DURING
SORTIE FROM PEARL HARBOR.
2-20 TRANSITEX 84-8, ENROUTE SUBIC BAY, RP.
11 INCHOP SEVENTHFLT
21-29 INPORT SUBIC BAY, RP, UNDERGOING RAV WITH USS HECTOR
(AR 7).

MARCH

1-2 INPORT SUBIC BAY, RP, UNDERGOING RAV WITH USS HECTOR.
1 COMCRUDESGRU THREE, RADM BALDWIN, VISITED HAROLD E. HOLT.
2 COMNAVSURFPAC, VADM SCHRADER, VISITED HAROLD E. HOLT.
3-14 UNDERWAY FOR EXERCISE TEAM SPIRIT 84
5 INPORT SUBIC BAY, RP, INSTALLING NEW AN/SQR-18A TACTAS
ARRAY
15-18 PORT VISIT CHINHAE, KOREA.
17 COMSEVENTHFLT, VADM HOGG, VISITED HAROLD E. HOLT.
19-29 UNDERWAY FOR EXERCISE TEAM SPIRIT 84
30 INPORT SUBIC BAY, RP, PREPARING FOR SURVEILLANCE OPS.
31 UNDERWAY ENROUTE RDVU WITH SOVIET MINSK TASK GROUP

APRIL

1-3 UNDERWAY TO CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS ON THE SOVIET
MINSK TASK GROUP.
3-4 ENROUTE SINGAPORE
5-11 INPORT SINGAPORE AWAITING FURTHER TASKING FOR SURVEILLANCE
OPERATIONS.
11-12 UNDERWAY TO RDVU WITH BATTLE GROUP BRAVO
15-16 TURNOVER WITH MIDWAY BATTLE GROUP
13-27 UNDERWAY WITH BATTLE GROUP BRAVO IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND
NORTH ARABIAN SEA
26 VISIT BY RADM BALDWIN, COMCRUDESGRU THREE
27-30 ANCHORED OFF MASIRAH, OMAN, FOR MAINTENANCE AND TOPSIDE
PRESERVATION/UPKEEP

MAY

1-2 UNDERWAY FROM MASIRAH, OMAN, ANCHORAGE TO RDVU WITH BATTLE
GROUP
3-6 BATTLE GROUP OPERATIONS IN NORTH ARABIAN SEA
7-10 TAV WITH USS HECTOR AT MASIRAH, OMAN, ANCHORAGE
9 UNDERWAY TO PROVIDE STABLE DECK TO CHANGE LAMPS MAIN
LANDING GEAR BUSHINGS.

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11-13 UNDERWAY ENROUTE GATE GUARD OPERATIONS IN GULF OF ADEN.
14-15 CONDUCTED ASW BARRIER OPERATIONS WITH USS STEIN (FF 1065).
15-17 CONDUCTED INDEPENDENT ASW BARRIER OPERATIONS
18-21 CONDUCTED TACTAS SEARCH AND DELOUSED CVBG IN ASSIGNED
TAPA.
22 CONDUCTED DC SAFETY STAND DOWN.
23-31 BATTLE GROUP OPERATIONS IN NORTH ARABIAN SEA.

JUNE

1-6 BATTLE GROUP/TAPA OPERATIONS IN NORTH ARABIAN SEA.
6-8 ENROUTE TATTLE TALE OPERATIONS ON USS AMERICA BATTLE
GROUP.
8-10 CONDUCTED INCSEA/TATTLE TALE EXERCISES ON USS AMERICA
BATTLE GROUP.
10 CONDUCTED TURNOVER WITH BATTLE GROUP ALFA.
11-12 FORMATION STEAMING IN SOUTH ARABIAN SEA.
13-21 FORMATION STEAMING ENROUTE AUSTRALIA.
15 CONDUCTED CROSSING THE EQUATOR CEREMONY.
21 ENROUTE GERALDTON, AUSTRALIA, IN COMPANY WITH USS
DAVIDSON (FF 1045).
22-26 INPORT GERALDTON, AUSTRALIA, AS SOPA.
27-28 UNDERWAY ENROUTE NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS STATION HAROLD E.
HOLT, EXMOUTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA.
28 ANCHORED AT POINT MURAT ANCHORAGE
29 UNDERWAY ENROUTE RDVU WITH BATTLE GROUP BRAVO.
30 FORMATION STEAMING WITH BATTLE GROUP BRAVO ENROUTE SUBIC
BAY, PHILIPPINES

JULY

1-4 FORMATION STEAMING ENROUTE SUBIC BAY, RP.
5-9 INPORT SUBIC BAY, RP.
10-22 FORMATION STEAMING ENROUTE PEARL HARBOR, HI.
21 CTG 30.2 (RADM BALDWIN) VISITED HAROLD E. HOLT AND
ADDRESSED THE CREW.
23-31 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI, FOR LEAVE AND UPKEEP

AUGUST

1-21 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI, FOR LEAVE AND UPKEEP; SIMA RAV
(1-17 AUG).
15 VISIT BY COMMODORE ROBERTS, NAVAL RESERVE MEDICAL OFFICER.
21 CONDUCTED FAST CRUISE
22-25 UNDERWAY FOR PCOSS 84-4/HOLLYWOOD OPS (PMRF).
25-26 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI.
27-29 UNDERWAY FOR PCOSS 84-4/HOLLYWOOD OPS (PMRF).
30-31 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI, FOR UPKEEP.

SEPTEMBER

1-4 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI.
4 RADM VINAI, THAI DIRECTOR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE, VISITED
HAROLD E. HOLT.
5-7 UNDERWAY FOR MIDPAC TRAEX 84-4
8-20 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI.
10 UNDERWAY FOR NAVMAG LUALUALEI, HI.
12-14 20B4 SHIPBOARD TRAINER FOR COMMAND ASSESSMENT OF READINESS
AND TRAINING.
12-13 3-M ASSIST VISIT BY USS JASON (AR 8).
17 NGFS TRAINER BRIEFING AT FORD ISLAND.

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17 ASSUMED DUTY AS MIDPAC READY DUTY DESTROYER.
18-19 PQS ASSIST VISIT BY USS JASON.
18-20 SPONSORED HMNZS CANTERBURY (F 421) DURING HER VISIT TO
PEARL HARBOR, HI.
21 UNDERWAY WITH EMBARKED HSL-37 HELO FOR HIGH SPEED
TRANSIT TO HILO, HI.
21-23 INPORT HILO, HI.
24-28 UNDERWAY FOR STV OPERATIONS AT PMRF.
28-30 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI.

OCTOBER

1-10 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI, PREPARING FOR COMMAND INSPECTION
AND HONOLULU PORT VISIT.
6 VADM SCHRADER, COMMANDER, NAVAL SURFACE FORCE, U. S.
PACIFIC FLEET, VISITED HAROLD E. HOLT.
9-10 COMMAND INSPECTION, 3-M INSPECTION AND SUPPLY MANAGEMENT
INSPECTION (SMI).
11 UNDERWAY FOR HONOLULU, HI
11-13 PORT VISIT HONOLULU, HI
13 UNDERWAY FOR PEARL HARBOR, HI
13 BURIAL AT SEA
13-14 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI
15-19 UNDERWAY FOR OPERATIONS ON PMRF.
20-23 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI.
24-31 UNDERWAY FOR FLEETEX 85-1.
31 CONDUCTED NGFS REQUALIFICATION AT KAHOO LAWE, HI.

NOVEMBER

1-6 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI, PREPARING FOR SRA.
7 UNDERWAY FOR AMMUNITION OFFLOAD AT NAVMAG LUALUALEI, HI.
8-30 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI.
14-16 K-644-9024 NUCLEAR WEAPONS REFRESHER TRAINING.
17-19 HOST SHIP FOR HMCS MACKENZIE (DD 261).
22-23 SWIMMER DEFENSE (NCO-13-R).
26 COMMENCED SRA. PARTICIPATED IN COMMODORE'S CUP
COMPETITION.
28 COMDESRON THIRTY-FIVE HOSTED LUNCHEON IN HAROLD E. HOLT
FOR COMNAVSURFGRU MIDPAC.
30 SHIP'S LUAU AT PARADISE COVE.

DECEMBER

1-31 INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI.
10-14 K-2E-1070 ASW TRAINER (14A2) - NON GRADED.
20 HOSTED 14 CHAPLAINS FOR SHIPBOARD TRAINING VISIT
(12 USAF, 2 USN).
21 COMMENCED HOLIDAY LEAVE PERIOD
23 HAROLD E. HOLT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY.
26 RAC COMPLETED ON AN/SQS-26(CX) SONAR.

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NARRATIVE HISTORY

1984 began for HAROLD E. HOLT at U.S. Naval Station, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The month began with the ship in an RAV status. The RAV enabled HAROLD E. HOLT to accomplish all necessary repairs prior to sea trials on 17 January. On 16 January, the Consul General of Australia and Mrs. Fisher attended lunch in the Wardroom with an advancement and awards ceremony immediately following. This was also the occasion for the unveiling of the HAROLD E. HOLT logo painted on the helo hangar door that featured a portrait of former Australian Prime Minister Harold E. Holt. On 19 January, HAROLD E. HOLT was underway for MIDPAC work-up, BGAREM 84-2 and Exercise KERNEL BLITZ. Passengers included three representatives from Surface Warfare Development Group to observe BGAREM/SHAREM/AIREM and two representatives from NUSC to conduct TACTAS training for the officers and crew. BGAREM 84-2 was an outstanding training opportunity for the ship. The ASW training was excellent due to the variety of ASW assets available. During 114 hours of ASW events, HAROLD E. HOLT held various passive contacts for approximately 80 hours. Exercise KERNEL BLITZ provided an excellent opportunity to work with amphibious ships in a major amphibious operation. The short-fuzed changes to tasking provided a challenging and realistic environment. Upon return to port 30 January, HAROLD E. HOLT concentrated on last minute details prior to getting underway for WESTPAC deployment. The highlight of the three days inport was the Retention Team of the Quarter Award presentation to USS HAROLD E. HOLT by Commander, Destroyer Squadron THIRTY-FIVE.

HAROLD E. HOLT began her long-awaited Western Pacific deployment on 2 February. TRANSITEX 84-8 Phase VI, from Hawaii to Subic Bay, RP, provided training in the areas of AAW, ASW, ASUW, EW and command and control. Exercise SOUTHWIND provided good AAW training especially for the non-AAW type destroyers. There were many ASW operations throughout the transit which provided outstanding training. The structured ASW operations were highly conducive to active and passive tracking time for sonar and CIC teams. The high tempo operations afforded excellent junior officer training in ASW evaluation and tactical communication techniques. Although the embarked LAMPS aircraft experienced some down time due to equipment failure, it proved to be an outstanding over the horizon (OTH) targeting asset during the scheduled OTH exercises. In addition, the flight operations provided good shiphandling experience for OODs in obtaining the required winds, pitch and roll. Actual Soviet BEAR reconnaissance flights were not only exciting for the crew, but also provided excellent EW watchstander training. Overall, the transit from Hawaii to Subic Bay, RP, provided a smooth transition into the Western Pacific. HAROLD E. HOLT began a tender availability with USS HECTOR after arrival in Subic Bay, RP.

March began slowly and increased in tempo ending in a feverish pitch for HAROLD E. HOLT. The first two days were spent inport Subic Bay, RP, finishing up an RAV with USS HECTOR. COMCRUDESGRU THREE, Read Admiral BALDWIN, made a tour of the ship and visited with HAROLD E. HOLT's Officers and Chief Petty Officers on 1 March. COMNAVSURFPAC, Vice Admiral SCHRADER, presented the 1983 semi-finalist U.S. Navy Ney Award to HAROLD E. HOLT's Food Service Team and met with the Officers in the Wardroom on 2 March. On 3 March, HAROLD E. HOLT was underway for four days of high tempo work up operations in local Subic OPAREAS. Before leaving for Korea, the ship made a brief port stop in Subic Bay on 5 March to install a new AN/SQR-18A TACTAS array. After the array was installed, HAROLD E. HOLT was underway to rendezvous with Battle Group BRAVO and proceed north in transit to Korea. HAROLD E. HOLT made a port call at Chinhae, Korea, on 15 March for three days of rest and relaxation. Because the President of Korea was visiting Chinhae, liberty was not granted until 1000 on 16 March. Thirty

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volunteers painted and performed minor repairs at Chinhae's Hai Mang Won Orphanage on 16 March. On 17 March, COMSEVENTHFLT, Vice Admiral HOGG, made a tour of the ship and met with HAROLD E. HOLT's Officers and Chief Petty Officers. After this brief port visit, the ship was underway for Exercise Team Spirit 84. These high tempo operations in the Sea of Japan included the collision between a Soviet VICTOR submarine and USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63). Following the collision, HAROLD E. HOLT was assigned surveillance of the VICTOR on its transit to Soviet waters until relieved by USS CHANDLER (DDG 996). Once relieved of surveillance duties, HAROLD E. HOLT proceeded to rendezvous with the Battle Group in the Yellow Sea to continue Team Spirit 84 operations. On 29 March, HAROLD E. HOLT received tasking to return to Subic Bay, RP, to load and activate the Temporary Augmentation and Control space and embark a Cryptologic Technician detachment for surveillance of the Soviet MINSK Task Group. HAROLD E. HOLT was underway 31 March for rendezvous with the Soviet MINSK Task Group to conduct extensive surveillance ops.

HAROLD E. HOLT's rendezvous with MINSK occurred in the early morning hours of 1 April. The initial sighting of MINSK revealed heavy black smoke coming from her stack which continued throughout most the surveillance period. The embarked CT detachment with a photographer's mate and intelligence specialist, coupled with the expertise of HAROLD E. HOLT's crew, formed an expert intelligence gathering team. With the exception of the Soviet firing of eight signal flares at the ship on 2 April, the three days of surveillance operations went smoothly. The ship was inport Singapore on 5 April awaiting further tasking for surveillance operations. On 11 April, HAROLD E. HOLT was underway and enroute with Battle Group BRAVO to rendezvous and relieve the MIDWAY Battle Group. Battle Group BRAVO relieved the MIDWAY Battle Group on 16 April. Rear Admiral BALDWIN visited HAROLD E. HOLT on 26 April, made a general tour of the ship and met with the Officers and Chief Petty Officers. On 27 April, HAROLD E. HOLT was enroute to Masirah, Oman, anchorage for maintenance and upkeep.

The month of May proved to be a demanding month. It began with HAROLD E. HOLT underway from Masirah, Oman, anchorage to conduct an unscheduled underway replenishment with USNS MISPELLION enroute rendezvous with Battle Group BRAVO. The next week consisted of formation steaming and Battle Group operations. In the second week, HAROLD E. HOLT returned to Masirah, Oman, anchorage with USS CHANDLER for a TAV with USS HECTOR. On 9 May, HAROLD E. HOLT was underway in order to provide a steady deck to change the LAMPS main landing gear bushing. The ship returned to anchorage that night. Tasked to relieve USS STEIN on Gate Guard operations, HAROLD E. HOLT was underway 11 May. While enroute to rendezvous with STEIN, tasking was changed to conduct Barrier Search between the Gulf of Aden and the Battle Group. The highlight of the month came on 31 May when HAROLD E. HOLT "spliced the mainbrace" and held a cookout on the fantail. Members of the crew enjoyed two beers along with pizza, hamburgers and ribs cooked by HAROLD E. HOLT's Food Service Division.

June proved to be a very challenging month as HAROLD E. HOLT was called upon to perform both TAPA and ASW screening assignments during the first week. With the AMERICA Battle Group drawing closer, the ship's mission was to intercept, conduct Incident at Sea violations training and perform Tattle Tale operations against Battle Group ALFA. The second week concluded with a successful turnover with Battle Group ALFA and HAROLD E. HOLT's departure to the South Arabian Sea (SAS). The high speed transit to Australia included a variety of exercises and "crossing the line". Everyone enjoyed the ceremony because it was a welcome change of pace. HAROLD E. HOLT's port visit to Geraldton, Australia, was outstanding. It was a welcome respite after 72 days continuously underway in the Indian Ocean. On 27 June, HAROLD E. HOLT was enroute to NAVCOMMSTA Harold E. Holt, Exmouth, Western Australia. Upon arrival, HAROLD E. HOLT was greeted with open arms. A Navy journalism crew boarded immediately to record this historic

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event on videotape. A picnic for the crew and a cocktail party for the officers at the Officers' Club started off the evening. Everyone took full advantage of this brief liberty; the ship was soon underway to rejoin the Battle Group on 30 June.

July arrived with HAROLD E. HOLT in company with Battle Group BRAVO transiting the Indonesian Archipelago enroute Subic Bay, Philippines. The port visit in Subic Bay provided an opportunity for a few required repairs and some last minute purchases by the crew. Everyone was ready to get underway enroute Pearl Harbor on 10 July. The open ocean transit between the San Bernadino Straits and Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, provided an opportunity to complete required training, primarily in Engineering. The highlight of the transit was a visit by Rear Admiral BALDWIN on 20 July. The Admiral addressed ship's company on the flight deck and congratulated everyone for a successful WESTPAC deployment. The embarked LAMPS helicopter, EASYRIDER 51, lifted off the flight deck for the last time at 0730, 23 July enroute NAS Barbers Point, Hawaii. HAROLD E. HOLT arrived at PAPA HOTEL on time and entered Pearl Harbor mooring at Berth BRAVO 26. The reception on the pier was a welcome sight for everyone on board. Back with their families and friends, the officers and crew enjoyed a well-deserved leave and upkeep period.

The inport upkeep period afforded the crew the opportunity to make needed shipboard repairs with assistance from SIMA. Commadore ROBERTS, MC, USNR visited the ship on 15 August and toured Sickbay and the After Battle Dressing Station.

ASW operations during PCOSS 84-4 (Hollywood Ops) at PMRF provided excellent ASW training for all watch teams. HAROLD E. HOLT participated in the exercises from 22-25 August with USS OUELLET (FF 1077) and USS DAVIDSON (FF 1045) against submarines USS TUNNY (SSN 682) and USS SAN FRANCISCO (SSN 711). HAROLD E. HOLT's participation included an exercise surface launched torpedo shot against USS SAN FRANCISCO. An unscheduled requirement to tow USS OUELLET provided excellent deck seamanship and shiphandling training.

September turned out to be a busy and productive month. Read Admiral VINAI, Thai Director of Naval Intelligence, accompanied by Captain McFarland, CINCPACFLT ACOS for Cryptology, visited the ship on 4 September. RADM VINAI's visit was brief, but he seemed impressed with USS HAROLD E. HOLT. In addition to the offload of ordnance at NAVMAG Lualualei, HAROLD E. HOLT received 20B4 shipboard training for CART, a 3-M and PQS assist visit from USS JASON and a NGFS training brief from FTG while inport 08-20 September. HAROLD E. HOLT assumed duty as MIDPAC Ready Duty Destroyer on 17 September for a period lasting through 21 October. As sponsor for HMNZS CANTERBURY (F 421) 18-20 September, the officers and chief petty officers held receptions for their counterparts from CANTERBURY at the Tea House Lanai and Chief Petty Officer's Club respectively. On 21 September USS DAVIDSON and USS HAROLD E. HOLT got underway for a weekend visit to Hilo, Hawaii. While going alongside USS DAVIDSON the ship's bow contacted the pier slightly, causing minor damage to the pier but no damage to the ship. The week of 23-28 September on PMRF proved to be very productive. The participating submarines used HAROLD E. HOLT's services during the daylight hours only, thus leaving night time hours for general shipboard training. These extra hours, in addition to being released early from PMRF on Thursday, provided ample time to conduct much needed training. As a result of the available training hours, both HAROLD E. HOLT and HSL-33 Det 4 were able to attain level "A" qualifications.

October was very busy with everyone on board preparing for the Command Inspection and HAROLD E. HOLT's downtown Honolulu port visit. COMNAVSURFPAC visited the ship 6 October. VADM SCHRADER arrived on board at 0800 and spent the majority of his time meeting with the ship's Chief Petty Officers. The Command

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Inspection went smoothly as a result of the crew's hard work in making preparations for it. HAROLD E. HOLT's port visit to Honolulu was a complete success. The arrival at Pier 10 included a fire boat display followed by a reception on the pier with the Mayor, the Royal Hawaiian Band and hula dancers as well as refreshments for the crew. Our second day started with a visit ship in which over 800 people toured the ship. The visit ended with HAROLD E. HOLT's reception and a Block Party at Merchant Square in honor of the Navy's 209th Birthday. On a more somber note, HAROLD E. HOLT conducted a burial at sea early Saturday morning while returning to Pearl Harbor.

HAROLD E. HOLT enjoyed a two day rest before getting underway for STV operations at PMRF 15-19 October. The ISE time that was available between STV ops provided an excellent opportunity for ECC drills and general training. FLEETEX 85-1 proved to be an enlightening experience for everyone on board. The Squadron Commander was embarked in HAROLD E. HOLT while underway during the exercise. HAROLD E. HOLT's NGFS requalification at Kahoolawe went very well, firing missions commenced at 0930 and were finished by 1330, 31 October.

Most of November was spent inport making preparations for SRA. The crew worked very hard to ensure that all areas of the ship would be ready for the two month SRA period. On 7 November, HAROLD E. HOLT shifted berths to NAVMAG for a weapons offload in final preparation for the SRA.

HAROLD E. HOLT's three day 9024 training conducted 14-16 November was a valuable assist for all personnel involved in the nuclear weapons program.

Many new friendships were formed during the social events that were held in conjunction with our host ship duties for HMCS MACKENZIE (DD 261). The wardroom hosted a buffet at the Tea House Lanai on the evening of 17 November, and the Chief Petty Officers of HAROLD E. HOLT hosted a buffet at the Chief Petty Officers' Mess for their counterparts the same evening.

An anti-swimmer attack drill was conducted 22-23 November. The crew responded quickly and efficiently, and all personnel involved benefitted from the exercise.

On the same day SRA commenced, 26 November, the crew competed for the Commodore's Cup. The ship was well represented in all events.

December was spent inport undergoing SRA. HAROLD E. HOLT's five days at the 14A2 ASW Team Trainer provided beneficial training for both ASW teams. Newly-assigned personnel gained valuable knowledge from both the FTG staff personnel and the experienced watch team members of HAROLD E. HOLT.

On 20 December, HAROLD E. HOLT hosted a shipboard training visit for 12 USAF chaplains and 2 Navy chaplains. The visit was coordinated by COMDESRON THIRTY-FIVE's chaplain and included lunch on the messdecks, a tour of the ship and a wardroom discussion with the Captain. The visit provided a rare opportunity for the Air Force chaplains to witness shipboard life and see how their counterparts in the Navy live and work.

HAROLD E. HOLT's holiday leave period commenced on 21 December, affording up to 25 percent of the crew the opportunity to take leave and spend time with their families over the holidays. On 23 December, HAROLD E. HOLT's annual Christmas Party was held at Catlin-Radford-Halsey Community Center. The turnout by the crew and their families was excellent. The highlight of the event was the appearance of Santa Claus who presented gifts to the children.

With the SRA almost over, HAROLD E. HOLT is gearing up for the challenges of light off, TRE and the return to challenging underway operations in 1985.